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Fergus Falls Improves Access to Quality Healthcare Services with a New Senior Care Center

Outline Of Need:

Elderly community members in Fergus Falls were in need of a new senior healthcare facility that provides quality services for an aging population. Pioneer Care was outgrowing the useful life of their current facility, which was over 80 years old.

How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development provided a 16.5 million direct loan and a \$5 million guaranteed loan to help build a new 105-bed senior care center. The new center is state-of-the-art and will provide quality senior care services well into the future.

The Results:

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds helped build this new 105-bed senior care center in Fergus Falls. The project created additional jobs in the region and improves access to quality healthcare services.

This project was especially unique because of its many environmentally friendly features. For example, Native prairie grasses and flowers were placed



The brand new Pioneer Senior Care Center in Fergus Falls, Minn.

around retention pools; storm water management ponds were placed for site irrigation; great use of natural lighting; air infiltration was reduced by 60 percent; efficient heating and cooling systems; use of recycled materials in building construction; double the minimum standard for roof insulation to maximize heating and cooling efficiency; and efficient electrical and plumbing systems.

“This new facility can adapt and serve the community well for the next 80 years,” said CEO John Richards.

The Pioneering funding campaign also raised over \$2.3 million to help build the facility.

The new Pioneer Care features 85 private rooms, 10 split double suites and more than doubles the space from the old facility.

“Not only is this facility twice the size of the old one, but it allows us to provide twice the care in years to come,” Richards said.

Fast Facts

Program: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Investment: \$16.5 million direct loan & \$5 million loan guarantee

Cong. Dist.: 7 (Peterson):

Demographics: Fergus Falls, Minn.

Impact:

- Contribute to environmental protection
- Assist with job creation and development
- Improve access to quality healthcare
- Support environmentally friendly construction